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IS THY COUNSELLOR PERISHED?

The above quotation, in substance, has been put to the Orb in the form of a question with regard to the official counsellor of the county, to-wit, the District Attorney.

The interrogation is based on the fact that the tax-payers have been not only paying the salary of an attorney to protect their interests, but additionally, they have been compelled, by order of the court, to pay large sums to outside attorneys, principally for the prosecution of criminals, which sums it is claimed should not be allowed, or if allowed, should be paid by the District Attorney out of his own salary.

The Orb has attempted to make such explanation as would justify the District Attorney and satisfy the tax-payers that the Democratic party, by its representatives in office, was living up to the pledge made during the last campaign, to give such an economical administration of public affairs as would, as far as possible, alleviate the burden of taxation, and give assurance of official honesty in all branches of the county government.

In the face of all the efforts of the Orb to show good faith and duty on the part of the District Attorney, we are continually being reminded of the fact that, among other things, there was not one single conviction secured at the last term of the District Court by the untiring efforts of the District Attorney; in all cases where accused persons were not prosecuted by other than the District Attorney, and were sentenced to punishment, we cases in which the accused plead guilty.

It is also pointed out that instead of reducing the rate of taxation it has been materially increased; and while the Orb has attempted to show as much as possible, that cases, other than delinquency on the part of the District Attorney are accountable for this fact, the answer has invariably been to the effect that if the District Attorney would, himself, perform the duties of the office to which he was elected, without putting the county to considerable additional expense in paying others for doing it for him, it would, if not materially lessen the tax rate, at least show a desire on the part of the District Attorney to not increase it.

The Orb worked faithfully and sincerely to aid in the election of Mr. Land, believing it was working for the best interest of the county at large; to have it proved that all our efforts in that direction were as "love's labor lost," is, to say the least, humiliating. The Orb is not disgruntled nor has it any private ax to grind; and all that it has said, is spoken in a spirit of friendly counsel and admonition. If the Democratic party is not able to fulfill its pledges, made to the voters before election, with regard to the administration of office by its candidates, it were better, before the next convention of the party, to offer the inducement of faithful support to some good Democrat, capable of performing the duties of the office, to make his residence in our county sufficiently long to qualify and become the party's candidate for the office of District Attorney next year. This would be better than that the tax-payers should send their money out of the county to secure the service they have a right to expect from their duly elected officer.

The Orb reiterates that it has the kindest feelings toward Mr. Land, and would rejoice to see him acquit himself creditably; but our duty to the tax-payers of Cochise county is still greater; and we would be doing less than our duty by them, if we were to keep silent in the face of repeated and apparently well grounded complaint. We hope this hint will be received in the same friendly spirit it is offered.

SECRETARY ROSE has been going over the list of troops available on the Pacific Coast for transportation of troops to Manila, and is not satisfied that the present fleet is sufficient to get the twenty new regiments all there by Christmas. It is likely that he will arrange to charter additional vessels.

The trial trip of the United States torpedo boat Thetis, which is being equipped with oil fuel funnels at the Norfolk navy yard, will take place shortly. The innovation is being closely watched by naval officers, some being apparently quite sceptical of the success of the new fuel for war ships, though, if successful, it would revolutionize naval architecture.

NEGOTIATIONS between the United States and Great Britain regarding the boundary line between Alaska and Canada have practically been concluded. Both countries made concessions, but the result of the negotiations must be accounted as a victory for Secretary Hay, since most of the material points over which there was a dispute have been determined in our favor. Canada herself has been virtually ignored. Great Britain shows no disposition to permit her American colony to cause dissension between the two great English speaking nations.

A HIGHWAYMAN was hanged in Virginia Friday, his execution being the first for that crime ever carried out in that state. Capital punishment for highway robbery is usually supposed to prevail in the more sparsely populated and less well ordered communities. It seems that they are stricter about these things in Virginia than they are in the wild west. If capital punishment was ever justifiable it is as a punishment for the crime of train robbery, in which the acts of bandits often imperil the lives of hundreds of people. The penalty should be strictly enforced and quickly carried out.

BISBEE promises to out rival Butte in the production of copper, within a few years.

NATIONAL politics are already warming up, and large dailies are beginning to boom the presidential candidates.

On account of the heavy shipment of cattle to Cuba, beef is becoming scarce in some portions of Mexico. An export duty is to be placed on cattle to prevent such heavy shipments.

COCHISE county is now enjoying a mining prosperity that she has never before experienced, and during the next year it will for surpass what it now is, in the line of mining.

If all of the railroads are built that have filed articles with the secretary of the territory, Arizona will be well interwoven with steel rails and the echoes of her hills will resound on all sides to the whistle of the steam horse.

Now is an excellent time for President Loubet of France to get to the front with a solution of the Dreyfus problem. A full and complete pardon for the prisoner would fill a long-felt want, and would probably save a heap of trouble in the future.

LIEUTENANT PEARY's latest "dash for the pole" accomplished little beyond the loss of seven toes, sustained by the lieutenant himself. Peary, however, shows a disposition to sacrifice the other three in another effort to reach the mysterious regions of the Arctic.

THE Solomonville Bulletin asks this question of Smith, Brethitt, Cox, Ellingwood and Wilson: "Are you going to be candidates for delegate to congress next year?" We think the Bulletin a little bit previous; time alone can tell who the democratic racers will be. Perhaps there will be some dark horses sprung.

THE Orb office is in receipt of Vol. 1, No. 1 of the Arizona Graphic, published at Phoenix by Paul Hull. The mission of the paper is to advertise the resources of Arizona by description and illustration. A paper of this kind has long been needed in the territory and we are under the impression that the Graphic can fill the field. The proprietor has our best wishes for success.

AMERICAN capitalists are still acquiring new mining interests in Mexico. They continue buying silver mines just as if the metal had a real commercial value without the election of demagogue Bryan and the introduction of his absurd and dishonest silver coinage schemes into the financial system of the United States. Silver has commercial uses which will extend and which are permanent, so that there is no danger of the metal becoming less precious than it is now.

The celebration in honor of Mexican independence was most fittingly observed in our city, by the citizens of that republic. A parade was formed on Saturday afternoon, consisting of floats, representing battleships, the band, small boys in uniforms representing the states, besides their orders and citizens on horseback and in carriages. Exercises were held in the Opera House in the afternoon and at night a grand ball was given, which was largely attended. National salutes were fired at sunrise, noon and sunset; and, on the whole, the affair was one of which the committee in charge may well feel proud.

Quite a romance is liable to result out of the recent affair which occurred at Naco last week. In the article which appeared in the San Francisco Examiner of Tuesday, the 12th, containing an account of the killing of Clayton and the killing and wounding of the Mexican guards, there also appeared the name of a well known cowboy. Imagine his surprise a few days since to receive a letter in feminine handwriting and post marked San Francisco. The letter was well written and asked his forgiveness for having taken the liberty of writing to him, but as he had always admired the Western cowboy, and as he was her idol, she hoped it would be overlooked. The letter has already been answered, and when the young man goes to San Francisco this winter he will hunt the young lady up.

In the United States senate one man on each side, a democrat and a republican, is selected by his party associates to arrange pairs. Whenever the roll is to be called on any party question the absent Democrats are paired against the absent republicans, and in case more of one party than of the other happen to be out of the chamber enough of those who are present refrain from voting to fill out the necessary pairs. Senator Pasco, of Florida, has of late years represented the democrats in these arrangements. He so often had to pair himself to make things come out right that it used to be said that he never cast a direct vote. This was an exaggeration. Sometimes he voted, but more often when his name was called he rose to say: "Mr. President, I am paired with the senator from Dash. If he were present he would vote aye, and I should vote nay." The last part of the statement varying, of course to suit circumstances.

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BENSON SCHOOL CONTROVERSY

BENSON, Sept. 14th, 1899.

TO THE BISBEE ORB:

Please permit us to correct a misstatement relative to our school which appeared in your paper of recent date. You say, "It appears from an editorial in the Breeze that the school trustees in our neighboring town have employed a gentleman to teach the school in that place who is afflicted with tuberculosis, at least one physician has so certified, etc." All of which is not true, and does a great injustice to our school, which we claim is equal to any in the county. Professor Kirsch was principal of our school last year and gave general satisfaction. No one denied but he taught the best school we have had for years. Last year the trustees did not require the teachers to file a certificate of health with their applications and there was no scarecrow "tuberculosis" made his appearance, notwithstanding we had the same teacher last year as this. This year the trustees did make an order that all applicants must file with them a certificate of health from a practicing physician before their applications would be considered. Professor Kirsch underwent a thorough examination by Dr. I. H. Watkins, a practicing physician of this place and who is employed by the Southern Pacific Railway company as their physician and surgeon. Dr. Watkins gave a certificate that Professor Kirsch was in no way physically incapacitated to perform the duties of a school teacher, which was filed with his application and we employed him as principal of our school. There has been no physician certified to the contrary; Professor Kirsch has not been examined by any other physician, which fact the editor of the Breeze is well aware of, and if he wished to do justice by the school, as well as Professor Kirsch, he would have corrected your article in place of reprinting it in the Breeze. Every one in Benson knows there is no truth in the item, consequently it does no harm in our town; but we are sorry to say the papers from our neighboring towns copy from the Breeze, which has the support of a very small portion of our town, and in towns where they do not know the facts, is where our school gets the black eye. Through the influence of the Breeze there was a petition circulated in town asking that Professor Kirsch submit to another examination by what they termed a reputable physician. The town was thoroughly canvassed and they succeeded in getting four families who have school children to sign their petition, and one of the four has moved here from Kansas within the last three weeks.

We ask you to publish the above in fairness to all, not that we have any fight to make on the Breeze, but simply to correct a misstatement which appeared in your columns as coming from the Breeze. We, as trustees, claim to have done our whole duty in selecting teachers for our school, and we are encouraged to see that we have the support of the whole town, except perhaps the Breeze and one or two whom he influences. We wish to say in conclusion that our school opened on Monday, September 11, and all the pupils in Benson are attending except one boy, L. W. Cooley's son, who is taking private lessons from the editor of the Breeze.

H. W. ETZ, Trustees.
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The Cananea Properties.

James Shirley, the tireless mining enterprise promoter, is again in Prescott, after a business trip ranging from New York City to Mexico. As usual, his labors have not been without tangible results. In fact, from information gathered by the reporter, Mr. Shirley has this time succeeded in placing on foot a very considerable enterprise looking to the development and working of a most valuable mining property in the state of Sonora, Mexico. He has succeeded in interesting New York capitalists in the Pasquitas mining properties, which lie in the Cananea mountains, and adjacent to the Colón Grande properties. Several hundred thousand dollars have already been advanced for the development of the mines.

While in Denver, Mr. Shirley ordered the machinery for a 200-ton smelting plant. An electric light plant, saw mill and all the paraphernalia of a first class mining camp will be put in as soon as men and money can do it. The machinery is now en route to the mines.

Mr. Shirley was accompanied to Mexico by a technical engineer of Fraser & Chalmers, and while there located the smelter site, started the surveying for roads and put men to work constructing roads and excavating for the smelter foundation. A telephone line will be constructed from the camp to Naco, on the border, and the present terminus of the railroad which runs south from Bisbee. Mr. Shirley's people are flurrying on building a railroad from the camp to connect with the road running to Guaymas or with the Bisbee road if it is extended into Mexico. They prefer the latter connection. In consequence of the starting up of these mines, both the American and Mexican custom houses will locate permanently at Naco, which will be a great advantage to Mr. Shirley and his people in the matter of the shipment of machinery.

James Shirley and his friend, William Vanderbilt, of Prescott, retain one-quarter interest in these mines.—Prescott Courier.

Copper King News.

The following article appears in the Copper Situation, published in New York City:

Mr. Stephen J. Whelan, late superintendent of the New York Iron Works, has been appointed superintendent of the copper King of Arizona Mining company, and has taken charge of its properties, making his headquarters at its Barrett mine. Mr. Whelan is a man well qualified for his new position. He has been making a study of mines and mining for some time. He comes of a family of mechanical engineers. His father is now the superintendent of the Atlantic Iron Works of Boston, where he has been in charge for many years.

The new Copper King superintendent has been superintendent of the famous Union Iron Works of San Francisco, which built the engines of the United States battleship Oregon, whose performance in steaming from San Francisco to the coast of Cuba, during our late war with Spain, has never been equaled. He was also assistant superintendent of the D. M. Nichols & Co. Works and of the Atlantic Iron Works of Boston. Though never directly in the employ of the United States government he has done a large amount of work for it which has been commended in the heartiest manner by the officers who have had it in charge. He can be depended upon to develop the Barrett mines of the Copper King of Arizona in the ablest possible manner, and also their properties at Bisbee and Solomon Springs.

The Copper King of Arizona Mining company, has purchased of the El Paso Foundry and Machine company a fine new extra steam engine for use at its Barrett mines. It has made a contract with the Colorado Iron and Fuel company for a six months' supply of coke for its smelter at Barrett, which is now being delivered, and it has purchased from the Pacific Tank company two large storage tanks, having a capacity of 30,000 gallons of water, for Barrett.

In a very short time now it will begin smelting copper, and very soon it will not only be earning its operating expenses with its Barrett mines, but it soon thereafter will be a dividend earner and able to develop its Bisbee and Solomon Springs mines also. Its future is bright with hope, and before another year rolls by the Copper King of Arizona Mining company will take its place among the great money-earning copper companies of Arizona.

Benson Notes.

Miss Fannie Armitage paid Benson a flying visit on Monday morning. She reports all well at Contention.

Our genial tonsorial artist, Mr. Zeek, was a visitor to St. David last Sunday evening, incidentally calling at the Ashburn ranch.

THE BISBEE ORB is taking a firm hold upon the affections of our citizens, its columns are read with interest. Long may it expand.

Mr. Ashburn and family are recent arrivals from Kansas. The gentleman is a brother to Oscar Ashburn, the well known cattleman.

The work of boring for artesian water is going on and some of our sanguine citizens are taking up government land in anticipation of success.

Four carloads of patriotic soldier boys passed through our town since Saturday morning; they were on their way to the seat of war. God bless them all.

The very eligible corner store, formerly occupied by Mr. Castaneda and recently purchased by Mr. Dibble, stands dismantled, preparatory to rebuilding.

Morning and evening service was held in the Methodist church last Sunday, Rev. D. Roberts officiating. This concludes the pastor's labors for the conference year.

Miss May Walker has gone to teach the Huachuca School. We congratulate the district and the children in particular. A good conscientious teacher is to be prized in any community.

Norman Roberts left for Tucson September 18, where he is to attend the Territorial University. Owing to his sterling qualities and manly character, his many friends predict for him a bright future; his former schoolmates assembled at his home Saturday evening and gave him a surprise. The young people enjoyed themselves.

A visit to our public school is a sufficient guarantee as to its effectiveness. The choice of the trustees is indorsed by the community, with the exception of a few unimportant objectors. The individual seats introduced are a boon to the scholars, as they can readily be raised or lowered to suit the individual. Also a case of blue relief maps is on exhibition and for use. The advanced scholars are under the watchful eye of Professor Kirsch, while the primary department has the advantage of the experience and ability of Miss Minton.

Rev. Pritchard yesterday received a letter from a woman, Mrs. Collins, who is confined in the Hermisillo jail on a charge of murdering a Mexican who, she claims, entered her house and tried to assault her. She relates a pitiful tale, but it does not correspond with the one from Hermisillo published in the Sunday Los Angeles Times. The latter is written by a man named Allen, a correspondent of the Times, and is undoubtedly a correct version of the affair.

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